

The Ohio/Penn Dx Packet Cluster
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PROPAGATION. Poor propagation is about the biggest thing that happened as far as DXing went. To put it bluntly, the HF bands have been the "PITS". This past week showed how bad it was. There was much lower activity than normal on the Ohio/Penn Cluster Network. There were several major flares and geomagnetic storms over the past two weeks. The Solar Flux Index for this week was between 239 on Monday to 197 on Saturday. The A index ranged between 66 to 88 most of the week, but dropped to 13 on Saturday. The K index was on or above 4 most of the week, but dropped to 1 on Saturday and began to rise again. Even though all this sounds bleak, the guys in the Ohio/Penn area were still finding interesting DX on the HF bands.

3B7, AGALEGA and ST. BRANDON. It was announced on the 14226.5 Net that a station signing 3B7CF will be active sometime during mid-July.

D2, ANGOLA. As this bulletin was being prepared, D2ACA showed up on 10 meters, Sunday, 28505 KHz at 1627Z. With the solar flux at 197, the A index at 13 and the K index at 1 there seems to be some hope for the bands. This group will be QRT June 26. QSL via LZ2DF. Rumors persist that K9AJ is the QSL manager. This is FALSE. K9AJ is only collecting contributions for the D2 DXpedition.

FJ, ST. BARTHELEMY. FJ5BL has been active on 14185 KHz at 0230Z and then he moves to 3790 KHz at 0400Z. He was also heard on 28498 KHz around 2030Z. QSL via F6AJA.

80/75 METERS. Several nights this past week the propagation on 80/75 meters was excellent to South America. There were many LU's heard and worked along with other S.A. countries.

EARLY MORNING PROPAGATION. In the early mornings (U.S.) between 1000 to 1400Z the following stations have been heard and worked regularly: 3B8GA around 14012 KHz, 4S7EA around 14009 KHz, 9M2FK around 14013 KHz, FT4WC around 14027 KHz, P29DK around 14015KHz and V63ST around 14193 KHz.

ZS9Z/ZS1 QSL CARDS. Dave, AI8M, reports receiving a ZS9Z/ZS1 QSL card via WA6AUE. The card was received in less than two weeks.

QSL CARDS IN THE MAIL. VK6BFZ/VK9X, 3W4DX, FT5XH, YA0RR (Full color foldout), RV0YF, ZL9DX and KJ4LA/HN (This QSL is an actual 5x7 photo of Desert Sheild/Storm site with a oversize computer generated QSL attach

to the back. This will be a collectors item).

QSN REPORTS.

HF0POL - 3507 KHz around 0150Z. QSL via SP3HLM.

CE0ZIS - 3794 KHz around 0430Z.

XX9TDM - 14003 KHz around 1115Z.

HS0E - 14032 KHz around 1207Z. QSL via K9EL.

HS0AC - 21024 KHz around 1346Z. qsl via NY2E.

REMEMBER ARRL Field Day Next Weekend, June 22-23.

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